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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA

Social Security General Administration (Supplementary Assistance) (LIR/73/002)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	May 1979
Starting date of project activities:	March 1974 (including previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	March 1982
To be executed by:	International Labour Organisation (ILO)
Government implementing agency:	National Social Security and Welfare Corporation
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$252 600
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicated Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. In 1970 the Government of Liberia carried out a preliminary investigation of the feasibility of instituting an old age social security scheme in the country. At that time there was no social security protection except for workmen's compensation and certain other provisions of the Labour Code. The lack of such protection for Government employees, to whom the Labour Code does not apply, was especially striking.

2. Acting on the recommendation of an ILO consultant an autonomous social security bureau was established in 1972 and small-scale technical assistance was requested from UNDP. Project activities began with the arrival of a social security administrative adviser in March 1974. Since then the social security scheme has been expanded from "modest measures of social security protection for employees of larger employers - those

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having 50 employees or more as well as for government officials and public servants" to "employees of employers of 25 or more workers in respect of Pension Scheme and 5 or more workers in respect of the Employment Injury Insurance Scheme". A review of the UNDP project in November 1978 recommended extension of assistance until 1982.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The project will continue to assist in: (a) planning to ensure co-ordination of the work of the various divisions of the social security organization; (b) preparation of technical procedures; (c) training of officers and staff; (d) training of representatives of employers and employees; (e) amending the regulations of the scheme; (f) preparing publicity material; (g) establishing local offices; and (h) setting up inspection procedures.

III. Inputs

4. Under the assistance now approved UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, the services of the social security adviser for an additional three years and a statistical data control adviser and an actuarial adviser for six months each.

5. To carry out the activities for which assistance is now approved, the Government of Liberia will continue to make available office accommodation as well as national counterpart personnel.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved $	Present approval $	Total approved $
Personnel	293 400	240 700	534 100
Training	7 500	4 500	12 000
Equipment	8 800	-	8 800
Miscellaneous	10 900	7 400	18 300
	320 600	252 600	573 200

6. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $3,500,000 in kind.

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